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NURSING IN MISSION STATIONS



[This department has a two-fold purpose,—to keep nurses in this country in touch with the work of missionary nurses, and to put missionary nurses in touch with each other, for an interchange of ideas, questions, and suggestions. All nurses engaged in mission work, of every creed and country, are invited to contribute to its columns.]

THE *China Medical Journal* for March contains an account of the Triennial Conference of the China Medical Missionary Association. One of the subjects discussed was "Nursing in Mission Hospitals." Dr. Todd, of Canton, reported that in a men's hospital of twenty beds he used only women nurses, having been led to do so by noticing "how much tidier women's hospitals were."

The association adopted a resolution in favor of individual communion cups. It expressed its gratitude to Dr. Tatchell, who has undertaken to organize a purity league among Chinese boys and young men.

Miss Emberley, superintendent of nurses at St. Matthew's Hospital, Alaska, has resigned her position.

The Messenger, published by the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Boston, gives extracts from the letters written by Miss Woods, of Fort Yukon, Alaska:

"When I returned to Fort Yukon last summer there was much to do. Men were finishing the interior of the new house. Two rooms had been built on this, and there was still heavy work, a new ceiling in our front room, papering, etc., to be done. I began at once to put one place after another in order. Two weeks after my arrival Miss Langdon left, and Miss Cady went with her for a rest. The day before she left a young man was brought here who had nearly shot his arm away. I took him in and gave him my room, and took care of him for six weeks. This gave me a family of six to cook for, and a patient to care for, besides six children, and two of those less than five years old. I was using every spare minute day and night to get the house in order for the cold, dark winter, and all of this meant much more work than one can imagine. Miss Cady returned in a month, and in a few weeks the family began to grow smaller, and now we are alone with our ten children for a few weeks.

"Every evening at seven all the village children come to the mission, and we read and learn hymns. We have a boys' club and a girls' club, a Woman's and a Junior Auxiliary, and a Bible Class. I am taking them through the Catechism in Indian. We are now studying the Creed.

"I have just made out my order for the coming year, and I am worried as to how it will be paid for. I have ten children, and nothing promised for the support of any of them."

Spirit of Missions, for May, in reporting on work in Anking, China, says:

"St. James's Hospital we found in excellent condition so far as its reputation and the character of its work is concerned. A staff of competent nurses has been trained, and the work is being kept up to the high standard of efficiency with which the hospital began its career in its new quarters. Its reputation has been steadily growing, and difficulty is experienced in holding down the work within limits where it can be properly handled.

There is urgent need for another trained nurse to be added to the hospital staff. The two nurses already here have both done splendid work and are exceptionally efficient. Even they, however, are unable fully to meet the strenuous demands of the hospital work. The furlough of one is due next summer, and it is of the greatest importance that another nurse be in the field at that time to take her place."

Dr. Taylor, of the same hospital, writes:

"Our hospital is the only one in quite a large city on the Yangtse River and for several hundred miles round about. We treat about 18,000 to 20,000 patients a year and the work is growing tremendously. We have had two foreign-trained nurses, who under me had charge of the schools for men and women nurses. These nurses are needed now in mission hospitals all over China, and in time to come will be more necessary to our work than Chinese doctors."

TRAINED NURSES NEEDED FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

THE AMERICAN BOARD.—Dr. C. H. Patton, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dr. Thom, of Mardin, Eastern Turkey, calls for a nurse to assist him in his work and to take charge of training native nurses.

Dr. Usher, in his great medical work at Van, is also asking for a nurse well equipped for a large work, who can sail in the near future. *This is one of the most urgent cases.*

A nurse or physician at Hadjin, Central Turkey, the nearest medical aid being at Adana (W.B.M.I.).

At Aintab, where Dr. Shepard and Caroline Hamilton are in charge, assisted by Miss Alice Bewer, a nurse, the work demands a second fully qualified missionary nurse.

There is a call for a nurse in Foochow City, China, in connection with the Woman's Hospital (W.B.M.).

Dr. Sibley is building a hospital at Davao, Philippine Islands, for which he needs a nurse who can be superintendent. This is pioneer work in the great Island of Mindanao and opens up splendid possibilities of usefulness. *The need is urgent.*

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD.—Mrs. Anna R. Atwater, Missionary Training Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Two trained nurses for hospital work in India.

DUTCH REFORMED BOARD.—Dr. W. I. Chamberlain, 25 E. 22nd St., New York.

One trained nurse for hospital work in Arabia.

W. F. M. S. OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Miss E. R. Bender, 150 5th Ave., New York.

One nurse and evangelistic worker in the Philippines.

AFRICA INLAND MISSION.—Mr. J. Davis Adams, 1701 N. 55th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Nurses for pioneer work in Africa.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST SOCIETY OF THE WEST.—Mrs. Mary E. Adkins, 450 E. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

Two nurses for East China.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY.—Mr. J. W. Wood, 281 4th Ave., New York.

Four nurses for China and Philippines.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.—Dr. C. L. Thompson, 156 5th Avenue, New York.

Three nurses needed immediately in the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. They should all be devoted missionary workers. Two of them should be thoroughly trained in actual successful hospital experience; the other would be valuable if, in addition to some knowledge of nursing, she were capable of taking temporary assignments in other hospital work during the absence of different workers. Knowledge of the Spanish language will be very valuable. Must be physically capable of doing work in this tropical climate. Term of service is five years.

For further particulars write to

DR. S. M. ZWEMER, 125 East 27th St., New York.

A nurse is also needed by the University Medical School in Canton. Three physicians are now on the field, and one trained nurse, Miss M. C. Soles, who went out a year ago in response to an appeal published in the JOURNAL, but who is now to be married. A permanent hospital and dispensary are to be erected this year.

The salary for such a position is not meant to cover the worth of the person filling it. That is impossible. It is only meant to enable the worker comfortably to give her time and energy to her work. It would be \$600 a year with \$50 to help towards a summer outing of 2-4 weeks and winter holiday of two weeks. The period of service would be six years, one of which would be spent at home on furlough, salary to continue during that time. She would also receive her necessary travelling expenses and rent of house or suite of rooms. Should she voluntarily resign within five years she would refund all travelling expenses and one-half her salary; or within three years all money received to date. Further particulars of this position can be obtained by writing to DR. J. C. McCracken, Canton, China, or to EDWARD C. WOOD, Houston Hall, U. of Pa., Phila., Pa.

THE cause (of forest conservation), with its colossal problems, must not be allowed to become a football of factional or personal ambitions; it needs all the friends it can win, of all shades of party or partizanship, particularly in Congress, to which now falls the great responsibility of enacting into law the unmistakable demands of public sentiment.

Much of this work is urgent. Legal safeguards should be established to prevent such wrongs as the endeavor to take up coal lands worth \$2,000,000,000 by one person, by means of proxies; the use of water power should be so defined and regulated as to preserve the rights of the people without impairing the normal development of the west; the reclamation service, which is making the desert blossom as the rose, should be carefully fostered and protected against political and private greed; the whole system of river and harbor development should be placed on a business instead of a political basis; and, last, but not least, let us repeat it, the President, Congress and the governors and legislatures of the states should address themselves at once to the need, so often set forth in these columns, of a co-operative plan to save from destruction the forests of the upper reaches of the whole Appalachian range.—From an editorial in the *March Century*.